

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF LAKE PARK COUNCIL MEETING
3801 LAKE PARK ROAD, LAKE PARK, NC
REGULAR SESSION – 7:00 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

ATTENDING: Mayor John Ross
Mayor Pro-Tem: Sandy Coughlin
Council Members: Sarah Barbour, Greg Crosby,
Kendall Spence, Jo Waybright
Finance Officer – Cheryl Bennett
Village Clerk – Cheri Clark
Absent - Attorney Ken Swain

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor John Ross called the Regular Session of the Village of Lake Park Council to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor John Ross led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Sandy Coughlin made a motion to approve the minutes. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

SENATOR EDDIE GOODALL: Senator Goodall addressed the Council concerning current legislative bills in the North Carolina Senate and their impact on Union County constitutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Don Perry apologized to the Council concerning the location of his fence on the VOLP's property in the Garden District. The VOLP has requested that the fence be removed from the common area.

Virginia McNally addressed the Council concerning a police incident at her home and the police response time.

Steve Patterson expressed his concerns about the Parking Ordinance violations going on in the VOLP and the lack of citations being issued to the violators. The HOA fence ordinance is the other issue facing the residents in Lake Park and the lack of continuity in its' enforcement.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Kendall Spence made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Sandy Coughlin seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

SECURITY REPORT: Sarah Barbour will discuss with the Deputies concerns that VOLP residents have expressed tonight on recent vandalism that has occurred. Council advised that if there is a life threatening emergency call 911. If residents

have an ordinance issue that you would like to discuss with the Deputies, please e-mail them at www.lakeparknc.gov under the section of “Who do I contact?” or call the municipal offices and leave a message. Bill Parker asked if the VOLP supplies the deputies with a manual of local expectations?

FINANCE REPORT: Cheryl Bennett presented the financial statements for Council review.

TAX OFFICER’S REPORT: Cheri Clark requested that the Villager run an article concerning tax bills. All of the 2007 tax bills have been mailed.

WASTE COLLECTION: The Village of Lake Park current waste contract expires March 2010. The VOLP is currently running a little below budget at this time.

COMMUNICATION: Greg Crosby asked all articles for the next Villager be submitted by September 24th. Sandy Coughlin requested that the website update EDC information.

PARK AND RECREATION: Jo Waybright reported that the pool revenues for the season including walk-up as \$53,516.00. Due to the heat, the number of walk-ups dropped in August.

Jo Waybright made the motion to approve up to \$6,000 to purchase Christmas Banners and additional hardware. Kendall Spence seconded the motion. Under discussion Sandy Coughlin inquired about the status of the Christmas lights set to music. Jo Waybright expressed the Parks and Recreation Commission’s security issues for the display and traffic concerns. Vote – Unanimous.

Two paintings by local artist Ann Boney have been purchased to hang in the foyer of the Community Center.

Kendall Spence made a motion to have Spence Electric install additional lighting at the front entrance. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. Kendall Spence made a motion for the VOLP to purchase four new park benches to be installed around the Gazebo for \$3,000.00. Sandy Coughlin seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. The pine straw application is almost complete.

Mayor John Ross will call Wanda Smith concerning the parking issues behind Fred Kirby Park.

Blood drive is Saturday, September 29th.

Greg Crosby made a motion for the VOLP to purchase a new controller for the clock tower not to exceed \$1500.00. Kendall Spence seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous. Jo Waybright asked if there was a discount for lightening damage. If we

send the parts back and the company determines that lightening was the cause, a credit will be issued. The clock face lights are not on.

STREET BUSINESS: Mayor John Ross presented maps that explained street paving projects for the VOLP. A new phase of paving will begin on Monday. Notices to residents will be distributed on Friday.

The VOLP has received our certified 2006 population estimate – 3,038. This estimate is used for the purpose of distributing state-shared revenues.

Girls on the Run have requested permission to host a 5k run in the VOLP next spring. Sandy Coughlin made the motion to allow the event to occur in Lake Park with the usual requirements for emergency vehicle, first aid, insurance, etc. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Sandy Coughlin presented the Living in Lake Park keycard brochure that will be distributed with the October newsletter. Sandy Coughlin made the motion to nominate Charles Williams for the Economic Development Commission. Kendall Spence seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

SET AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 2007. Delete – Senator Eddie Goodall.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Sarah Barbour will work diligently to improve communication with security.

Jo Waybright reminded everyone about the Chili Cook-off, November 3rd.

ADJOURN: Kendall Spence made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Greg Crosby seconded the motion. Vote – Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor John H. Ross

Village Clerk, Cheri Clark